organised private sector declined from 44.73 lakhs to 44.09 lakhs in the current year;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take to check this trend?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Government Manpower Corporation for Emigrating Indian Workers

456. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the flourishing racket of unscruplous private manpower exporters in the country even on forged passports, including nurses and other women employed as maid servants and the indignities and abuse to which they are subjected to by the foreign employers;

(b) if so, whether, with a view to give proper legal protection to the Indian manpower sent abroad Government have considered the desirability of setting up a Government manpower Corporation; and

(c) if so, by when the said Corporation is proposed to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) A few complaints against unscrupulous private manpower exporters were received and the same were forwarded to the police authorities for action under the Law.

(b) and (c) Nine States have set up Manpower Export Corporations. There is no proposal presently for setting a Corporation at the Central level.

Production of sugar

457. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) what on an average, is the annual sugar production in the sugar producing States in the country, State-wise and by what percentage it falls short of the installed capacity;

(b) what percentage of the shortfall in the sugar production is attributed to the restrictions on the movement of sugarcane from one area of a State to another and by diversion of sugarcane to Khandsari units;

(c) whether Government propose to remove the restrictions on the movement of sugarcane, if so, what steps have been taken in this direction; and

(d) what strategy has been formulated by Government to boost sugar production in the country and to reduce dependence on imports?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI NATHU RAM MIRDHA): (a) A statement giving State-wise production of sugar, installed capacity and percentage capacity utilization during the last 3 seasons is attached (*See* Appendix CCIII, annexure No. 17).

(b) and (c) As would be seen from the statement referred to above, capacity utilization on all-India basis has been more than 100%. In order to ensure regular and adequate supplies of sugarcane to sugar factories, the State Governments are required to reserve areas for drawal of sugarcane by respective factories and the factories are not generally expected to go beyond their reserved areas before the bonded cane has been crushed. How-